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1. DECEMBER 26 DIARIO OFICIAL CONTAINS TEXT OF DECREE #908 OF CHILEAN LABOR MINISTRY, LIFTING INTERVENTIONS OF COLUMBIA PICTURES OF CHILE, CINEMA INTERNATIONAL CORP. LTDA., UNITED ARTIST SOUTH AMERICAN CORPORATION, AND ASSOCIATION FOX-WARNER. WITH INTERVENTION OF MGM LIFTED DURING LAST MONTH OF ALLENDE ADMINISTRATION, ALL OF U.S. FILM DISTRIBUTORS WILL NOW BE OPERATING NORMALLY.

2. ALEJANDRO UNDURRAGA, FOX-WARNER AND MOTION PICTURE EXPORT ASSOCIATION, CONFIRMED THAT EVERYTHING IS MORE OR LESS SETTLED AND THAT FILMS WILL NOW BEGIN ARRIVING. (14 ARE ALREADY HERE AND IN CUSTOMS AT PUDAHUEL AIRPORT.) SAID HE HAD LONG MEETING TODAY (26TH) AT CENTRAL BANK AND, THAT WHILE THERE WERE STILL PROBLEMS, FELT THEY HAD ARRIVED AT SUBSTANTIAL MEETING OF MINDS. UNDURRAGA SAYS CORKERY (MPEA FOR LATIN AMERICA) WILL BE COMING TO CHILE SHORTLY, ALTHOUGH PROBABLY NOT BEFORE MID-JANUARY.

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3. COMMENT: WHILE THERE STILL REMAIN PROBLEMS OF
REMITTANCES AND BLOCKED FUNDS, IT APPEARS THAT CHILE WILL
SHORTLY BE BACK ON CIRCUIT OF GOOD U.S. FILMS. ANNOUNCED
NUMBER OF U.S. FIRMS THAT HAVE HAD INTERVENTION LIFTED NOW
TOTAL EIGHT: TODAY'S FOUR, PLUS MGM, PIZARRENO, CROWN
CORK, AND COBRE CERRILLOS.
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